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Emma Rekate (OC ’24) is very excited to welcome you to Issue 38 of The Synapse. She is excited for everyone to see the wonderful articles and art in the magazine. This issue covers interesting and important topics that are paired with gorgeous pieces of art. The Synapse covers a wide array of topics ranging from microbial communities to free will to dancing rats. As Editor-in-Chief, Emma Rekate gets to work with all of the writers, artists, copy editors, content editors, layout editors, and board members to create this magazine. She hopes you enjoy this issue and is thankful for everyone’s continued contributions and readership.

Dylan Yu is a second-year student at Oberlin College intending to major in Biology and join the Pre-Medicine track. He is originally from Cleveland, OH and this is his second year working with The Synapse as a Copy and Content Editor. Dylan loves how the Synapse connects scientific and global issues with art. Specifically, how it enables a larger audience to understand these important topics! After graduating, Dylan hopes to attend medical school and pursue a career in medicine. Outside of The Synapse, Dylan works as a researcher in Professor Rachel Hem’s Lab and is a member of the Ultimate Frisbee Team, The Horsecows!

Andrea Nguyen is a fourth-year student at Oberlin College double majoring in Biology and Psychology, and minoring in Chemistry. She is from Portland, OR and has been working with The Synapse for the past two years as a Writer and Copy Editor. She believes that science communication and outreach, which is what the Synapse is doing, is such a good way to connect members of the community with science. From a writer and copy editor standpoint, being able to write to a non-scientific audience is super important, and there are often few chances to write about science in class in a way that we can have fun with it. Overall, it makes her a better writer and communicator. After graduating, Andrea hopes to earn a PhD in Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences or in a related field. Outside of The Synapse, she has interned at NASA, and will again this coming summer, works as a Sports Editor for the Oberlin Review, runs the Photo Co-Op, DJs, and enjoys getting coffee with her friends!